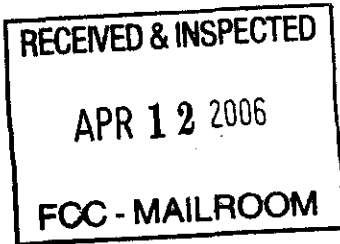


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Senator Debbie Stabenow
U.S. Senate
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

Dear Senator Stabenow:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Kevin J. Martin's plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

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Please pass along my concerns to the FCC on my behalf, letting them know that your constituents have contacted you to oppose a USF numbers or flat-fee plan. Thank you for your continued work. I look forward to hearing about your position on this matter.

Sincerely,

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April 06, 2006

Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC, 20554

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Sincerely,


Leona Conley

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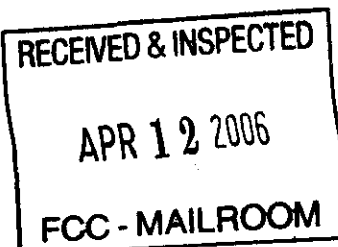

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